(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to extend help, in addition to above, to upgrade the health-care infrastructure in the State, especially in the tribal dominated, poverty-stricken districts of this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A report has been received from the Government of Orissa. The Department for International Development, Government of U.K., is committed to provide Rs. 300 crore over a period of five years to improve the health care system in orissa under the Project head, Orissa Health Sector Plan.

The Planned activities under the project for 2007-08 include strengthening of healthcare delivery, management capacity, demand generation, mainstreaming of equity and gender and participative planning.

(c) The Government of India has been providing support to up-grade health care infrastructure in Orissa through the National Rural Health Mission. The allocation of funds for the state is Rs. 345.20 crores for 2007-08, including the tribal and poverty stricken districts.

Trauma centres along the highways

1617. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has chalked out an ambitious plan for setting up of trauma centres along selected highways in the country to help the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the financial aids proposed to be provided by Government during the current year, location-wise and highways-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to ensure that accident victims get medical help in such road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A revised scheme namely "Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways" during the 11th Five Year Plan has been envisaged to develop a network of Trauma centres along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. The revised project envisages to availability of the life support ambulances every 50 Km.along with the National Highways. It also provides for three categories of Trauma centres, viz. L-I, L-II and L-III. The trauma care network has been so designed that no trauma victims has to be transferred for more than 50 Km. and a designated trauma centre is availabe at every 100 Km.

The proposed budget estimate for the scheme during the current financial year (2007-08) is Rs. 42.73 crores and 34 hospitals in 6 States have been identified for upgradation in the 1st phase.